



Undergraduate Association President Lee Allen '76 and Stephen Shagoury '76

Increased medical coverage proposed

By Chuck Humphrey

The MIT Medical Department Advisory Board has recommended a new student hospitalization insurance plan to "plug up the holes" in the current optional insurance program.

The new plan, which will go into effect next fall if approved by the administration, will require all students to verify in writing that they have some form of hospitalization insurance, or to sign up for the MIT plan.

The Advisory Board unanimously approved a plan offered by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, which would simplify hospitalization coverage by putting a single limit of \$50,000 on coverage during a student's MIT stay. The current plan provides more coverage overall — \$25,000 per year — but sets a number of separate limits on coverage in specific areas such as surgery, x-rays, tests, and so forth.

"This new plan will close a gap in our current coverage where a number of students have been caught," Lawrence Bishoff, associate medical director for administration, said. "Many students have been hurt when they were hospitalized for long periods of time and were stuck with the bills. By requiring them to certify that they have some sort of insurance, that problem will be eliminated."

The new plan might also cut Medical Department costs, Bishoff said, because some services now covered by the mandatory health fee can be charged to private insurance plans such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, putting less of a burden on the health fee fund. While Bishoff said there would probably be no immediate cut in health fees as a result, he said that "smaller increases" would be possible.

The new plan contains a \$50 per year deductible clause, "waived for hospitalization, surgical, surgical, and emergency, accident or sickness charges by hospital or out-patient clinic, and maternity." All hospital charges up to \$5,000 per incident would be covered. The maternity coverage remains the same as in the present policy.

The company would pay 80 per cent of all other covered charges after the \$50 deductible.

The Advisory Board earlier rejected another plan offered by Equitable which was substantially similar to the current hospitalization plan, but which would have cut coverage to 50 per cent of doctors' fees and a maximum of \$500 per year.

Bishoff said there was "no way yet" to judge what effect the new insurance policy will have upon fees. While more students are expected to subscribe to the plan because of the requirement to prove coverage, changes in coverage might drive fees either up or down, he explained.

Registration changes

Registration for Physical Education classes will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 3, the day after Registration Day. There is no longer an advantage in arriving early for Physical Education registration.

To obtain Class Cards on Registration Day, a student must present a signed Registration form (obtained from his advisor) and turn in a completed Address Card (freshmen pick them up immediately on entering the Armory; others obtain them from their advisor).

Shagoury resigns UAVP post

Undergraduate Association Vice President Stephen Shagoury '76 has resigned his student government position, apparently because of disagreement with the goals of the current student administration.

The resignation, which was tendered last week, was "friendly all the way around," according to Undergraduate Association President Lee Allen '76, who said that Shagoury had quit "because there just didn't seem to be anything for him to do."

"The best I can make of it was that Steve just lost interest and quit," Allen said. "We weren't communicating too well, and I wasn't saying 'Do this, do that' to him. He seemed to think there wasn't any need for him to be around."

Shagoury could not be reached for comment.

In an unrelated event, Allen named Charlie Shooshan '77 Secretary-General of the UA to replace Doug McLeod '77. McLeod resigned from the appointive post earlier this month, saying he was "over-involved and had to cut back," Allen explained.

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Since the UAVP is elected in annual UA voting each spring, Allen told *The Tech* that he wasn't sure how he would replace Shagoury. "I'm moving slowly on this so that people won't think I'm playing favorites," he said. "I figure that unless people get upset and riot about it, I'll just appoint someone for the job." Candidates "aren't exactly knocking each other over" for the post, he added.

Shagoury's resignation capped several months of what Allen called "manpower problems" and disagreements over the role of the student government. The UA administration, which is elected to represent all undergraduate students, has been less program-oriented — and thus less visible — than any of its immediate predecessors. Involving students in student government is difficult when there aren't specific tasks for them to handle, Allen said.

"I was faced with the choice: put on several parties and concerts for students, or work on finding out what student government's needs are and trying to

"There are a lot of groups that put on parties better than the UA can, but there aren't any groups trying to build an effective student voice at MIT. So I decided to concentrate on that."

As a result, Allen said, "I was spending all my time across the street (in administrative offices), and the UA was drifting apart." Shagoury, who had been given no specific tasks to perform, apparently lost interest and so resigned, Allen said.

East Boston planning goes on

By Mike McNamee

Student walk-outs and community protests against plans to convert East Boston High School into a city-wide technical school have halted proceedings at that school this week.

But the protesting students and East Boston residents haven't slowed the curriculum planning process for that change one bit, according to MIT officials involved in the Phase II desegregation effort.

If fact, MIT and school officials say that they expected the outburst of community protest, which led to at least 11 arrests, extensive picketing outside the school and walk-outs by up to 200 students in the last three days.

"We knew that the realization of the change in East Boston High was going to sink in to the community eventually, and that they would protest the loss of the local school," Stanley Russell, MIT coordinator for the East Boston project, told *The*

Tech. "The only question was when."

Russell heads an MIT group which is working with the Wentworth Institute of Technology, the MassPort Authority, and the Boston School Committee to develop city-wide technical schools at East Boston High and Barnes Middle School. The change was ordered by US District Judge Arthur Garrity last spring as part of the Phase II desegregation plan for Boston schools. MIT was one of 22 local institutions assigned to help develop "magnet" schools throughout the city.

The protesters apparently don't disagree with the goal of the magnet school program. The new East Boston High will offer programs centered around aviation and electronics technology, useful skills for the many "Easties" who work at MassPort's Logan Airport nearby.

But the change means that three-quarters of all Eastie students will have to be bused "through the tunnel" into other

parts of the city. And those students' places will be taken by students from South Boston, Charlestown, Roxbury, and other sections of the city which loyal Easties don't really consider their own. Eastie's proud football team, for which so many residents have played and rooted for fifty years, will be made up of students from those other places — and East Boston is unhappy.

"East Boston is an incredibly tight-knit, insular community," Russell said. "You either belong, in which case you're Eastie all the way, or you don't. And that community has largely centered on East Boston High."

So the protesters want to keep a district high school in East Boston — even though some East Boston students would be bused "into town" anyway under Phase II. Their only hope, according to school official Joseph Sullivan, is to convince Garrity to designate Barnes Middle School, a brand-new facility

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The Corporation Visiting Committee for Student Affairs will conduct open meetings today and tomorrow, Jan. 23 and 24. Seven sessions will be held to discuss a number of student-affairs issues:

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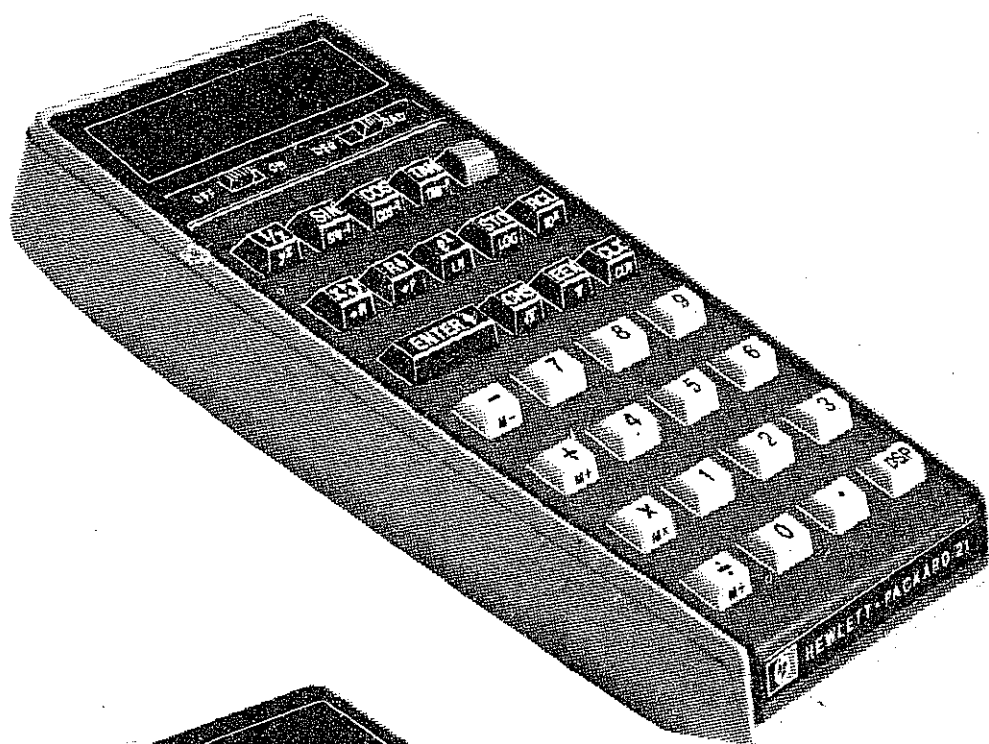
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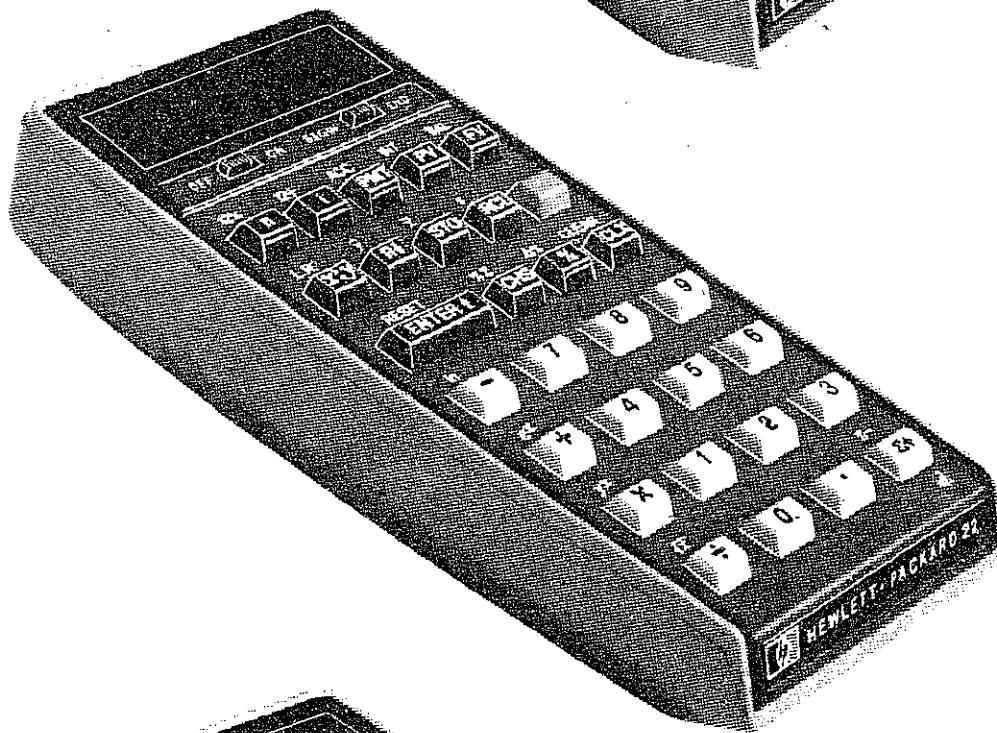


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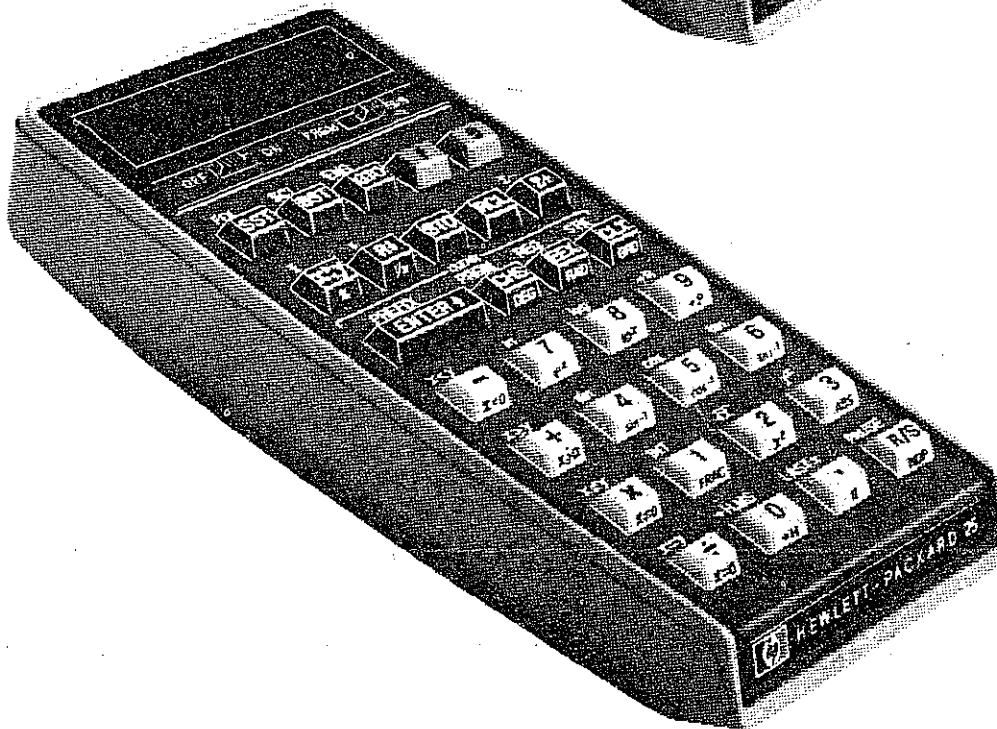
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Protests fail to slow planning for East Boston magnet school

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in East Boston, a district high school rather than a magnet middle school — a task of persuasion that Sullivan said “doesn’t have much of a chance.”

“My personal opinion is that Garrity won’t change his plan,” Sullivan said. “But we’re having a hard time explaining that to people here.”

Another Eastie complaint, Sullivan said, concerned lack of information. Russell maintains that planning efforts for the conversion are “on schedule,” and Sullivan says that school administrators are “satisfied” with the pace of the process. But, Sullivan said, “the number-one cry is that ‘We don’t know what’s going to happen to us and our kids,’ and frankly, neither

do the people in the schools.”

While the protesters aren’t likely to change the plans for East Boston High, community feelings aren’t going to be ignored, Russell said. He and his counterparts in the school administration have been preparing for months to set up a “human relations committee” composed of MIT, Wentworth, MassPort, and school officials, along with local community leaders. Plans for that committee are now awaiting approval by the East Boston desegregation steering committee.

“We hope that this committee can do three things,” Russell said. “First, by discussing the changes with people, it could help dispel the enormous anxiety the community is feeling now. Second, it would also increase the community’s confidence in the overall educational program — confidence which is pretty low right now.”

“Finally,” Russell said, “the group would provide a mechanism to deal one-on-one with confrontations that arise. That’s something that was lacking in South Boston and Hyde Park.”

No one is sure how long the protests will go on, how well organized they are, or whether students are serious about their actions, or just out for a lark. But planning for the new East Boston technical high school and middle school will go on “full force,” as Sullivan said, unless the protesters manage to convince Judge Garrity to change his goals.

“We have to make East Boston face up to the fact that change is coming,” said Walter Milne, Assistant to the President for Urban Relations. “I’m actually glad that this is all coming out in the open now — it might make everything easier later.”

NOTES

* Transcripts with first term grades included will be available the week of Jan. 26, 1976.

* A lecture on “Photography of Life in Loch Ness” will be given by Robert Rines and Charles Wyckoff at 5pm in Room 10-250 on Friday, Jan. 30.

* There are still a number of openings for spring term undergraduate seminars. Upperclass students are eligible for seminars, so if you’re still thinking about something to add to your schedule, you may want to consider registering for a seminar. Students should pre-register for seminars in the Undergraduate Seminar Office, Room 7-105, x3-3621. More information on available seminars may be obtained in this office.

* English Conversation Classes for wives of visiting faculty and staff and wives of students from foreign countries sponsored by the MIT Women’s League. Registration: Thursday, Feb. 5, 10am to 12noon. Room 10-340. Classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 10 weeks. Fee — \$20. Baby sitting provided for an additional fee of \$5. For further information, call Mrs. Pinson, 253-3656 or Mrs. Reintjes, 484-3595.

* The MIT UHF Repeater Organization will hold a meeting on Jan. 20 at 9pm in the German House Lounge of New House. Anyone interested in UHF Amateur operation is encouraged to attend. Info: Eric Black, x5-7670.

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Inconsistent Series?

To the Editor:

I have just finished reading your three-part "news analysis" series on Federally imposed costs at MIT (Federal funds cut both ways, "The high cost of research rules," "Cost of federal programs rising"). I might be mistaken, but I got the definite impression that the tone of the articles implied that it is in some way "bad" that MIT was being forced to bear some of the costs of government rules applying to research. These costs apparently apply both directly, because of increased expenditures by MIT, and indirectly, because of a decrease in the portion of federal funding which can be applied to research.

If the only research that MIT conducted was that which is sponsored by the government, then I would agree that the government should bear the expense of safety rules, etc. But MIT sponsors an appreciable amount of research entirely unconnected with government programs, and therefore must be prepared to provide safe working conditions and other things mandated by the government in its role as the protector of the public welfare.

Among the programs that you cited as being costly to MIT are: Affirmative Action, OSHA safety regulations, "bio-hazard" control, proper treatment of laboratory animals, sex-discrimination regulations, and employment security. Are these less deserving of funding than the research carried on at MIT? Do the ends justify the means? You state that one MIT VP complains that he must have one full-time employee solely to write pension plan descriptions. Many working people have lost out on their pension plans because they misunderstand the rules — the government regula-

tions must cover thousands of institutions, and MIT cannot be given special treatment, benevolent though it may be.

I hope that in the future you will be more consistent — I note that in the issue carrying the last installment of this series, you editorialize against less-than-complete control of "bio-hazardous agents."

Jeffrey Mogul '79
Dec. 12, 1975

Nuclear Power Thoughts

To the Editor:

The seventeen signers of the letter, "Don't Take Risks with Human Lives" published in *The Tech* Dec. 2 make a valuable point, then mis-apply it. Agreed, let us not crassly cost human lives in simple dollars, as sticks of wood at so much per bundle.

But as they struggle personally against nuclear power, these seventeen writers in search of their theme neglect to ask, "Compared to what?" Do they know that present methods of generating electricity using coal (the only other substantial present resource) kill between 20 and 100 times as many people per unit of energy as does nuclear power? Do they realize that all reasonable coal cleanup measures will not make coal environmentally or epidemiologically as safe as nuclear power has proven to be? Those facts have been little publicized and less appreciated, partly because the fossil fuel industry and the general public just took such matters for granted. I have had enough of taking nonsense for granted, and try to persuade my colleagues at this eleemosynary Institute to do likewise.

Even to replace worn-out

electric generating plants and to provide the minimal energy growth envisaged in the most conservation-minded studies, new electric power plants will be required. Nuclear electric power causes less public health damage both in the short and long term than does fossil fuel, despite what the seventeen signers might

wish.

This letter is written primarily for the readers of *The Tech* and hopefully also to the seventeen signers of the previous one.

David J. Rose
Professor of Nuclear Engineering
December 3, 1975

Metaphysical Madness

To the Editor:

It seems that metaphysical madness has been elevated to a positive virtue in the nuclear safety debate. The relevant questions are not being asked; the arguments are being conducted in a manner that seems divorced from the real world.

Unquestionably in these complex social and political issues one cannot divorce empirical knowledge from moral considerations. But it is not a simple matter restricted to debating philosophical issues.

The energy requirements of this country give us little choice for alternatives. Looking over the next 30 years it comes to a choice between coal or nuclear energy sources. If any option is

rejected it should be because it is unsafe compared to its alternative; not because in the abstract it is morally wrong. Only the sciences can answer this question.

You may now correctly ask, what about humanities? The humanities provide a framework for the discussion. The energy requirements of this country do not come from scientific considerations but from people's attitudes about their needs and their society.

The relevant question is indeed what kind of society do we wish to live in? But once having decided that question it is only empirical knowledge that can get us from where we are to where we want to be. If we want cars, dishwashers, air conditioners and televisions, we must be prepared to pay the price. If we are frightened at the prospect we better realize that we will have to learn to live in a different world.

Michael D. Stiefel G
Dec. 12, 1975

Is it Art?

To the Editor:

With the recent controversy over "Transparent Horizons," I think it's time to take a second look at all MIT art. MIT is the best school in the country, one of the best in the world. It represents the highest achievements of mankind in many fields from science to art. Because of this, I think the art should represent the character of the school. It should be a high achievement, a thing of beauty. In other words, it shouldn't look like a three-year-old did it.

Some will argue that art should be viewed subjectively. This is in part true, but I think many artists use this as an excuse to cover up lack of talent. Good pieces of art have an appeal to everyone. And I think the similarity between these works of art is that they show "idealized" man, man reaching his highest goals.

MIT has a variety of art works ranging from triangles thrown on the ground to scrap metal erected in the air. I think it's time for the MIT Committee on the Visual Arts to step back from the trend of modern art, and take another look at the pieces they have and those they plan on getting. They must answer the question if the artist has "transcended" himself and created something better than others in the past, or if he's ripping them off. And also they must try to answer the question of whether in twenty or thirty years MIT art will be looked on as beautiful or worthless pieces of garbage.

Mark Throop '79
Dec. 10, 1975



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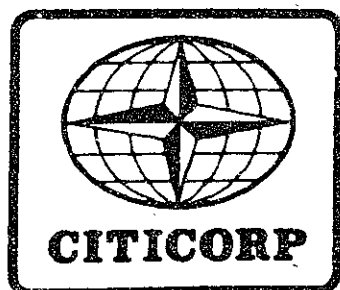
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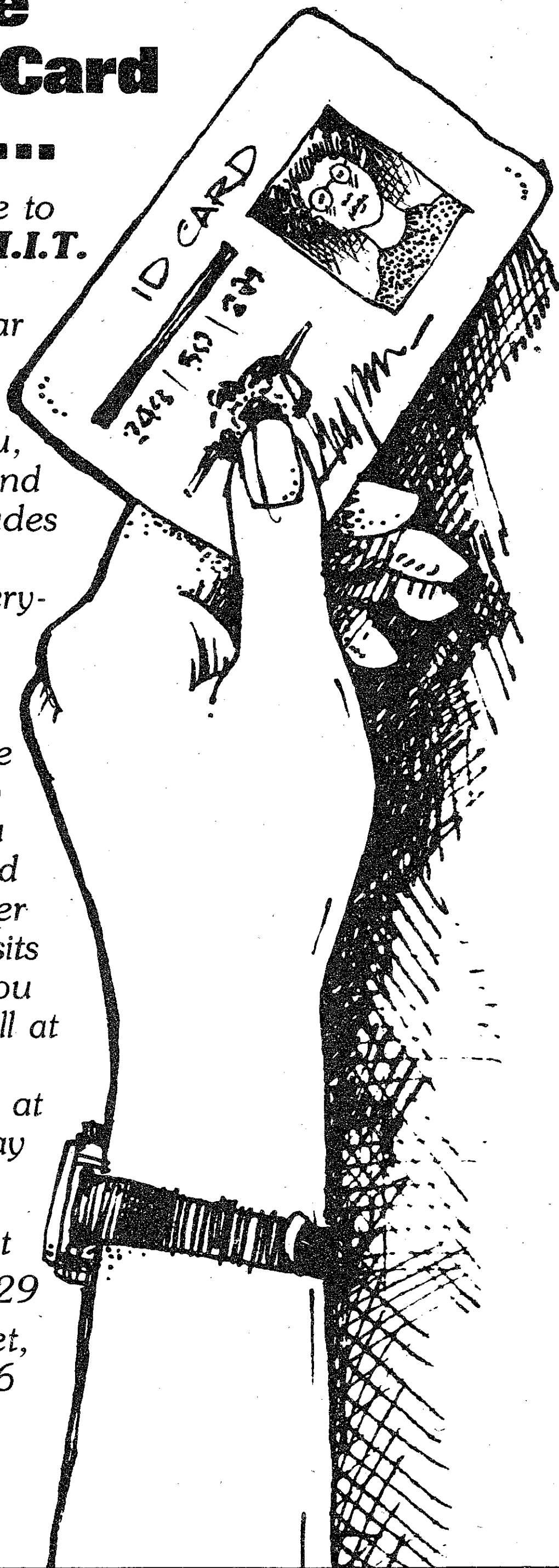
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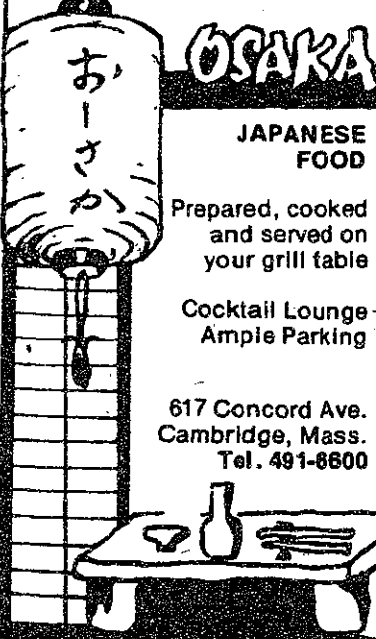
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Sports

Wrestlers upset CGA; Erland pins Murray

By Darwin Fleischaker

In one of the finest exhibitions in recent years, MIT's wrestlers upset Coast Guard 24-15 here last Saturday. Then, on Tuesday evening, Amherst topped the grapplers 22-16 in spite of Will Chassey's coaching. The Engineers now stand at 4-1.

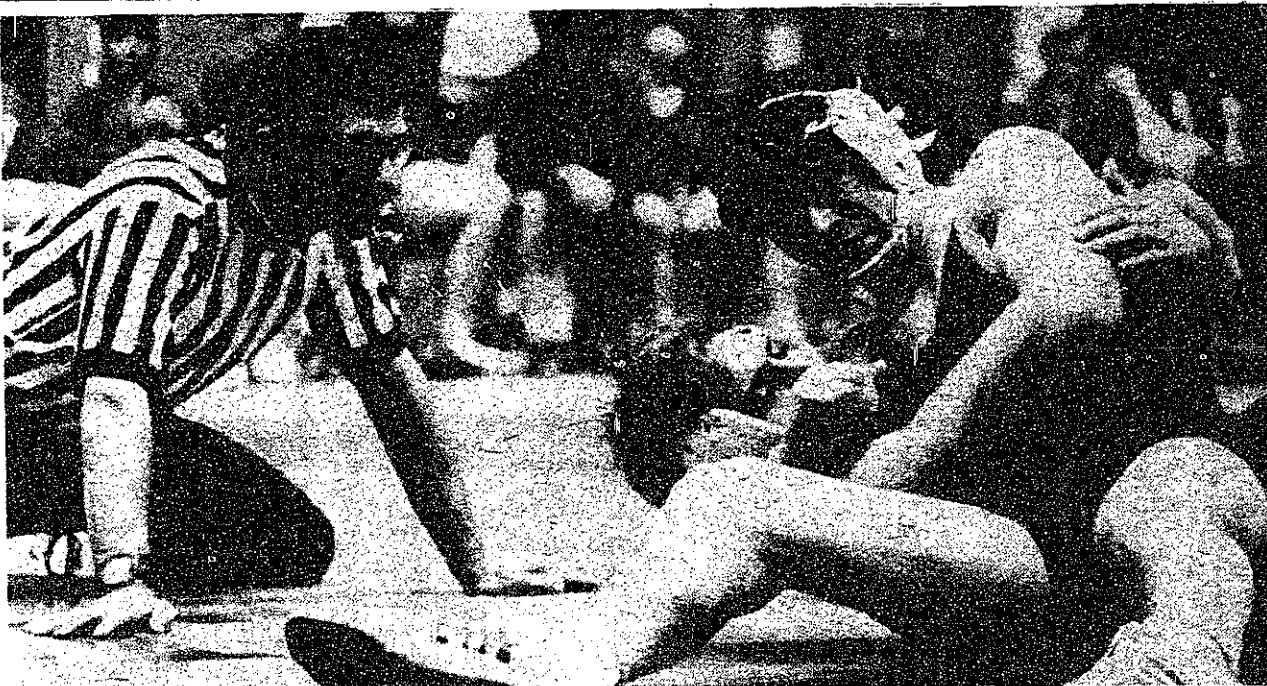
Mort Isaacson '79 (118 lb.) led off for the Engineers in the Coast Guard meet with a sweeping victory over his opponent, collecting eight points by the middle of the second period. Junior Joe Scire pinned his 142 lb. adversary in the third period after accumulating a ten-point lead. Steve Brown '77 also pinned his 150 lb. opponent in the third period and John Thain '77 upset New England champion Jim Steur to set MIT's lead at 18-6.

However, with three successive closely contested victories,

Coast Guard narrowed the margin to three points. Two All-American heavyweights, MIT's co-captain Erland van Lidth de Jeude '76 and Coast Guard's co-captain Jim Murray competed in the meet-deciding match. Van Lidth de Jeude impressively outwrestled his opponent, pinning him in the third period, for his first-ever victory over Murray.

Against Amherst, Isaacson edged out his opponent 10-9, Brown won a superior decision, and Bruce Wrobel '79 (177 lb.) defeated an Amherst tri-captain 3-1.

The JV wrestlers tied Coast Guard 21-21 and beat Amherst 16-14. Joel Lederman '76, Farrell Pernal '77, Hoyt Davidson '79, Norm Hairston '79, Gordon Swartz '79, and Mike Raphael '79 all picked up victories for MIT.



MIT's 142-pound wrestler, Joe Scire '77, grapples with his Coast Guard opponent in Saturday's upset win over the Bears. Scire won his match and helped the Engineers to a 22-16 victory.

Cagers 4-6; Lange sets mark

By Glenn Brownstein

MIT's varsity basketball team continued on the road to its first winning season in four years by splitting two games this week. On Saturday, the Engineers lost a 66-64 heartbreaker to Trinity, but recovered to top Wesleyan, 60-55, Tuesday night.

MIT capitalized on cold Trinity shooting to gain an early 15-6 advantage against the Bantams, but Trinity went to work against the Engineer defense and led by one at halftime.

In the second twenty minutes, Trinity widened its lead to six points early and held on until a last-minute surge brought MIT within two (64-62) with five seconds remaining. Mike Mistretta then iced the game for the Bantams with two free throws three seconds later. Peter Jackson '76 scored a basket at the buzzer, but it was too little too late.

Jackson led both teams with 25 points and 15 rebounds. Tri-captain Cam Lange '76 tallied 16 points, the final two cutting Trinity's lead to two with five

seconds remaining and setting a new MIT career scoring record of 1468 points. The 6'4" forward from Houston broke the old mark of 1466 set by Harold Brown '72.

Othar Burks led Trinity with 24 points.

Against Wesleyan, MIT played a steady, deliberate style, waiting for a good shot and then hitting it over half the time.

The Engineers built a 14-3 lead in the first six minutes against a sloppy Wesleyan zone, but the Cardinals then switched to a man-to-man and kept it close up to halftime, at which point MIT led, 32-21.

MIT widened its lead to 13 with 6:48 remaining, but then fell back into its old pattern, allowing Wesleyan to chip away and cut the Engineer lead to 56-53 with 2:11 left.

Unlike past games, though, MIT held on to win, sinking four of four free throws down the stretch. Kenny Armstead '76 and Tom Berman '79 each put in two of the foul tosses.

Berman used his first starting appearance of the season to score 16 points and pull down nine rebounds. Jackson hit 70% of his field goal attempts and scored 20. His ten rebounds Tuesday night moved him to within nine of the MIT career

record of 860, held by Bill Eagleson '64.

Unlike the varsity, MIT's JV continues to struggle, now having lost all eight games this season. The Engineers can't be faulted for not trying, though. They lost one to Brandeis and three to Lowell (in overtime), but played Wesleyan even more closely Tuesday night and made MIT history in the process.

The teams battled for 2½ hours, with Wesleyan finally winning the marathon duel, 93-90 in four overtimes. Ironically, the winning point was scored by Wesleyan's Bill Conley, who sank a free throw for his only point of the game with 12 seconds left in the final period to put the game out of reach.

The game was marked by frequent heroics, as Wesleyan hit late baskets to tie the game twice and MIT did the same. The best comeback was staged in the third overtime, when MIT ran off eight straight points in the final 1:56 to draw even after Wesleyan had apparently rolled up an insurmountable eight-point lead.

The JVs look for their first win and the varsity tries to push its record to 5-6 at Bowdoin Saturday before returning to the Cage to face Tufts Monday night.

Sporting Notices

The IM Indoor Track Meet will be held this Sunday, January 25, in Rockwell Cage beginning at 10am. The deadline for team rosters has passed, but individual entries in both men's and women's divisions will be accepted until the beginning of the meet.

A team trophy will be awarded for the men's division, but not in the women's due to insufficient interest. However, awards will be presented in all events.

Divisional championships for the Institute One-on-One Basketball Tournament will be held on Monday night at halftime of the MIT-Tufts varsity basketball game. If extra contests are required, they will be held at the conclusion of the game.

The tournament inter-divisional championship will be held next Saturday, January 31 at halftime of the MIT-Coast Guard basketball game.

Track tops Tufts, Williams

By Dave Dobos

Avenging a 1975 double loss, the MIT indoor track squad upended Tufts and Williams last Saturday. The 4-1 thinclads scored 64 points. Tufts followed with 52 and Williams trailed with 32.

Senior Jeff Baerman ran the most outstanding race of the meet, gliding to an easy 30-yard victory in the mile. His time of 4:14.4, one of New England's

fastest this season, missed the MIT indoor record by a scant .2 second. Distance teammate Frank Richardson '77 swept through the two-mile in an excellent 9:10.8.

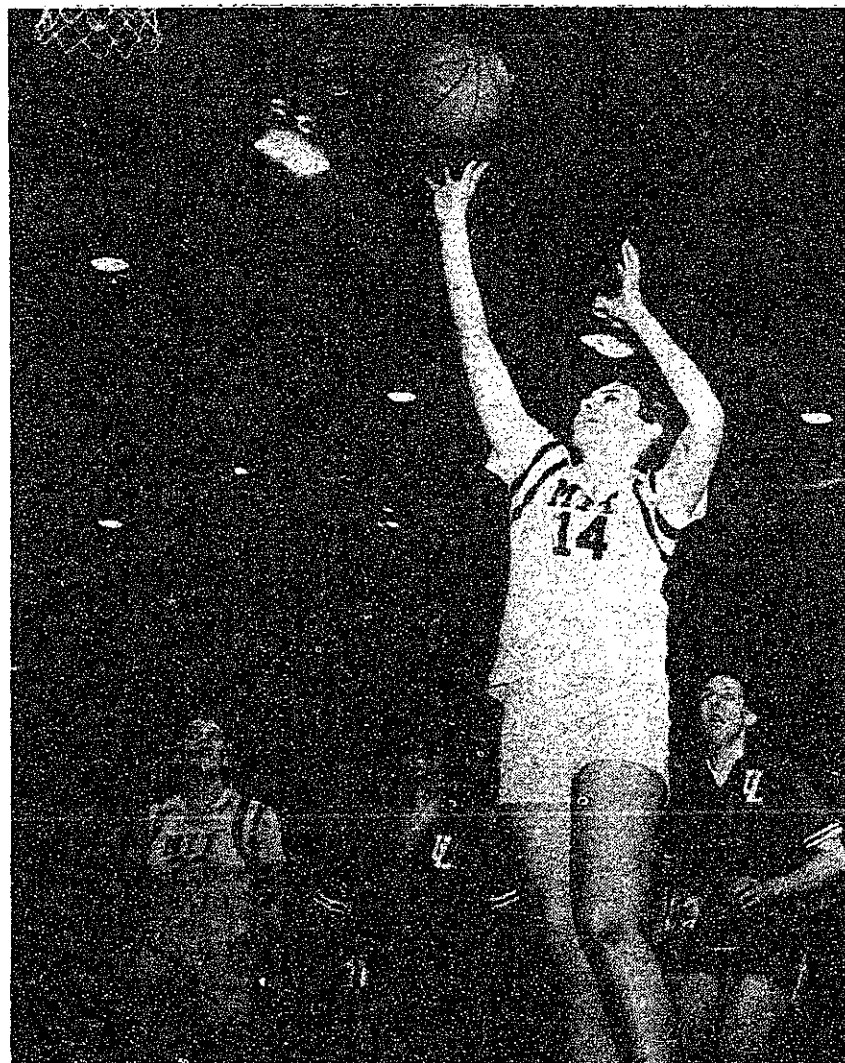
Once again, Rich Okine '77 led the MIT scoring by capturing the hurdles and dash and anchoring the mile relay quartet to second place. In the weight throw, sophomores Fred Bunke and Steve Sifferlen heaved

commendable personal bests, 49'1¼" (1st) and 47'5" (3rd) respectively.

It took a tremendous team effort to achieve the 12-point victory and third year mentor Gordon Kelly savored one of his finest coaching wins. Tonight the Engineers seek to lengthen their unbeaten streak to four against Coast Guard in Rockwell Cage. Field events start at 5:30 and running events begin at 7.



Despite all the snow and a Zamboni failure last weekend, MIT's IM Hockey program has continued successfully throughout IAP. Shown above is action from a game between EC 5W and Burton Third Bombers held earlier this week.



Linda Yester '76 (14) puts up a jumper in the women's basketball team's 50-43 victory over the University of Lowell Wednesday night at the Cage. Lisa Jablonski '77 (23) looks on.